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Ref: 2234-23324

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
Big 2 Zone, Reservoir A
Iberia FIELD
Iberia Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: The Meridian Resource & Exploration
L.L.C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **The Meridian Resource & Explortion L.L.C.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Big 2 Zone, Reservoir A, SUA in the Iberia Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 130 acres for the Big 2 Zone, Reservoir A, SUA, designated as the BIG 2 RA SUA, Iberia Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The Big 2 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Iberia Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone between the depths of 5,540 feet and 6,120 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Imperial Gonsoulin No. 1 Well, located in Section 59, Township 12 South, Range 7 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana

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In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated May 9, 2005 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2005. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the BIG 2 RA SUA, Iberia Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any such party desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Jim Hardwick of James F. Hardwick & Associates, 1101 S. Hugh Wallis, Suite 101, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-7756.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,



B. J. Duplantis

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson, District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and
Interested Parties

